

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph starting at page 5, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 10A and 10B are perspective views of a substrate with aluminum pillars formed on top of vias without alumina and coated with an alumina coating, respectively.

Please replace paragraph starting at page 5, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 10C is a perspective view of a substrate where the aluminum pillars are dissolved with an alumina coating according to an embodiment of the present invention.